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SUBJECT: EFFORT TO INTEREST ROC AND SOUTH KOREA IN BANGLADESH
NATURAL GAS EXPORTS

REF: STATE 173956

1. STANLEY CALLED ON ECON COUNS AUGUST 4 TO REPORT RESULTS HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH CHINESE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CPC) REGARDING POSSIBLE IMPORTATION INTO ROC OF LNG FROM BANGLADESH. STANLEY STATED THAT CPC ATTITUDE WAS VERY NEGATIVE. IT CONSIDERS BANGLADESH TO BE AN UNRELIABLE SOURCE OF SUPPLY, AND EVEN IF IT WERE RELIABLE, ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ROC AND BANGLADESH WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR CPC TO DO BUSINESS WITH PETROBANGLA. ALSO, CPC STILL HAS HOPES THAT ITS OFFSHORE EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES WEST OF TAIWAN WILL REVEAL EXISTENCE OF MAJOR GAS FIELDS. UNTIL RESULTS EXPLORATION KNOWN CPC DOES NOT WANT TO ENTER INTO LONG-TERM COMMITMENT WITH BANGLADESH OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

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2. T. H. LEE, CPC PRESIDENT, COMMENTED TO ECON COUNS AUGUST 6 THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN IMPRESSED WITH STANLEY'S PRESENTATION. WELLS DRILLED SO FAR IN BANGLADESH INDICATE PRESENCE OF GAS, BUT STANLEY WAS VAGUE REGARDING PROVEN RESERVES. LEE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT AN ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF STANLEY'S VISIT TO TAIWAN WAS TO SOUND OUT CPC ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ITS PUTTING UP MONEY TO ENABLE ADDITIONAL EXPLORATION TO TAKE PLACE. LEE

STATED THAT CPC HAD NOT CLOSED THE DOOR ON FURTHER DEALINGS
WITH STANLEY. HE WAS TOLD THAT IF THERE IS SOLID EVIDENCE
THAT NATURAL GAS IS PRESENT IN BANGLADESH IN SUFFICIENT
QUANTITIES TO WARRANT THE HUGE INVESTMENT REQUIRED TO DEVELOP
THE FIELDS AND TO TRANSPORT THE PRODUCT, CPC WOULD BE PREPARED
TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH STANLEY AGAIN.
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